





(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)  
16th November 1888.  
The military examination is over, and now the Governor may reckon on a little leisure to settle up the many difficulties that have occurred in his jurisdiction.  
It is now nearly two weeks since an English consular secretary with his family was attacked at night by a band of robbers some 20 miles east of this city. The total loss is reckoned at something over £2000 value. The robbers were well armed, and gained a rare booty. The case was at once reported to the District Magistrate and through him to the Governor. Underlings have been sent forth in all directions, but up to date no one has been arrested. This glaring robbery of a consular agent with a threatening of his life is a natural result of the official negligence of the last year. Within the last few months robberies have occurred in various directions not far from the capital. A few persons have been beheaded for the crime of housebreaking, seems more than enough to prevent. Especially does it seem a small matter to attack a foreigner. If now can be shown to the Government that such a period of anarchy has been what security has any one now will have to stand, what a few more cases will be enough to show.



## TIENTSIN.

December 1st, 1888.  
H. M. gunboat *Cockchafer* was not able to reach Newchwang, as the ice in the river was too thick. She has gone to Chefoo to await further orders.

A sudden demand for rice has sprung up, indicating that in some districts food will be scarce during the winter. But as regards this province, taking it as a whole, the year's harvests have been both unusually large and of good quality.

The *Kunghai*, belonging to the China Merchants S. N. Co., met with an accident on the bar at Newchwang, and sustained damage. She, however, fortunately, got off just as the ice was making the ship's position dangerous, and on Monday last arrived at Chefoo, where she will effect temporary repairs enough to enable her to go on to Shanghai. Newchwang is now closed for the winter.

Mr. James Stevens, the Viewer of Tongshan Colliery, who has had the principal share in the management of the details of all the work in the mine for some five years or more, returns home to England. His health is, we regret to hear, the immediate cause of his resignation. The Directors of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company have warmly expressed their appreciation of Mr. Stevens' services, and have given handsome testimonial gifts to him and Mrs. Stevens on the occasion of their departure.

During the night of the 28th November we had strong squalls of wind, and during the next day much snow fell here and at Peking, but, instead of a thorough change, after the unusually long spell of fine, dry, and still weather we have had, the squalls ceased, and bright skies and soft winds were again vouchsafed to us. So far, we have been fortunate in escaping the customary dust storms of the autumn and winter, and hope none will visit us. The plains are so dry that if we should be troubled with a succession of north-easterly blasts the affliction will, indeed, be great. Up to this time, we are glad to say, there is a smaller influx of destitute poor than usual, and we trust the reason is that this year there has been no drought anywhere, and the floods were comparatively circumscribed in extent.

Upon the whole, the trade in imported manufactured goods here during the past season has not been satisfactory to those engaged in it, and at the commencement of the winter the holders of foreign cottons and woollens in particular find themselves encumbered with inconveniently large stocks. It appears that the demand from Mongolia, Shensi, and Shanxi has fallen off considerably, and, no doubt, the devastations of the Yellow River, and the ruin of what was formerly the most fertile parts of Honan, have had much to do with the unsatisfactory conditions of trade that now exist. The year, too, has been unfavourable to the dealers in wools, hides and straw-braid, and many of the native bankers who had made advances upon cargo brought to Tientsin for sale have lost large sums. The trade in the exports of North-China must, however, remain in an uncertain state until the dealers become more honest. The utmost care is still required on the part of foreign buyers to prevent fraudulent admixture of inferior or worthless material with good.—*Chinese Times*.

## PEKING.

December 1st, 1888.  
A disagreeable *contratempo* occurred to the Count de Bardi and party in their attempt to gain admission to the Temple of Heaven on the 27th November. It appears that His Excellency, the German Minister, applied to the Tsungli Yamen for permission for himself and his guests to visit the Temple, or rather Altar, of Heaven, but was, with the usual courtesy of that body, refused. An application was then made to the Marquis Tseng, who with his characteristic readiness to show civility to foreigners, undertook to obtain the coveted permission by private means, and it was said that he had obtained a special Imperial Edict granting the request. Notwithstanding this, however, there was some trouble, and about an hour's parley before the party were allowed to enter the gate of the outer enclosure; then the keepers objected to ladies entering the inner enclosure, which being submitted to by the Prince, the guardians of the place went on to insist that the ladies of the party should go and wait outside of all. Much wrangling ensued, while something even rougher than Chinese slang followed, and after two hours the party had to retire without having gained an entrance. The German Minister and Secretary of Legation were with the party. The Secretary to the Marquis says there must have been a misunderstanding somewhere, and most reasonable people agree with him.

The rights of Peking are fast becoming impossible for visitors. Few people have of late attempted to face the ferocious inmates of the notorious Lama Temple, and the experience of a party who lately ventured within the precincts is not likely to encourage others. These gentlemen were not only felled at every gate, both in going in and coming out, but they and their Chinese attendants were kicked and cuffed by a covetous mob of 150 pious ruffians, the outer gates were closed on them, and to effect their escape they were obliged to submit to the worst extortions.—*Chinese Times*.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1257]

## THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL OF TEN DOLLARS per Share is due on the 20th day of December, 1888.

Shareholders will please pay the amount due upon their Shares to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to 20th instant, both days inclusive. "INTEREST" at the rate of 10% per annum will be CHARGED on all calls paid after the 20th instant as per article No. 33 of the Company.

By Order,  
A. G. GORDON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1259]

N. O. T. L. C. OFFICE.

THE HONGKONG OFFICE of H. M. S. "IMPETUOUS" give Notice that they will not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS incurred by their MESSMANS.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1258]

## To-day's Advertisements.

## G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.



OPEN  
TO-NIGHT,  
AND  
EVERY NIGHT,  
At 8, commencing 9 P.M. sharp.

THIS institution does not require bombastic Announcements. Its Vast Pavilions, first class Exhibition in all its Branches, Comfortable Accommodation, Brilliant Illumination, and a Splendid Menagerie of Formidable Animals, speak for themselves.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—  
Boxes with 6 Chairs ..... \$12.00  
Single Chairs in Boxes ..... 2.00  
Dress Circle Chairs ..... 1.50  
Carpet Seats ..... 0.50  
Gallery ..... 0.40

Children under 9 and Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price to all parts of the house. Reserved places with Carpeted Seats and Gallery will be provided for Ladies only.

N.B.—SATURDAY AFTERNOON, GRAND EXTRA PERFORMANCE.  
Doors open at 3 P.M., on Saturday, and every evening, half an hour before Performance. Specially for the Accommodation of Children.

L. MAYA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1888. [1249]

## FOR SHANGHAI.

## THE Steamship

"YANGTSE."  
Captain C. Tönningsen, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1248]

## FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

## THE Spanish Steamer

"DON JUAN,"  
Captain Marquez, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDAO & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1250]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 548.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

## TUESDAY

the 18th day of December, 1888, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,  
ARATHOON SETH,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1888. [1252]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 18th day of December, 1888, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

No. of Registry	No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Annual Upset
1	Inland Lot No. 1210	Wing Fung Lane (the Windward Old Protestant Cemetery)	140	140	140	140	22450
2	Do.	Do.	180	180	180	180	2430
3	Do.	Do.	180	180	180	180	310
4	Do.	Do.	180	180	180	180	5605

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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1889.

## HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing.

Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies and the Grand National at date of Entry (SATURDAY, 19th January, 1889). First, \$50; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$10; 4th, \$5; 5th, \$2; 6th, \$1; 7th, \$1; 8th, \$1; 9th, \$1; 10th, \$1.

Weight, 120 lbs. for One-mile and a half. (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, 1888.)

H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1888. [1255]

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## To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

## THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS..... Mr. P. W. WILLARD.  
JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

## TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 11th December, 1888.

## POSITIVELY LAST TIME OF

The Famous Musical Comedy, in 3 Acts, Entitled  
FUN ON THE "BRISTOL"

Cast of Characters.  
Widow O'Brien { His world-re-  
nowned original } JOHN F. SHERIDAN  
creation

Dora McAllister.....Miss VERA PATRY.  
Nora O'Brien.....MAUDE HARE.  
Bella Thompson.....G. WHITFORD.  
Count Menaggio.....Mr. H. M. IMANO.  
Captain Cranberry.....A. SUTCH.  
Thomas Cranberry.....CHARLES FISHER.  
Richard Sparks.....PHIL. RAY.  
John Jones.....W. HASSAN.  
Pinkerton Hawkins.....J. MANNING.

Act I.—HOME OF WIDOW O'BRIEN.  
Act II.—SALOON OF STR. "BRISTOL."  
Act III.—NIGHT ON THE OCEAN.

Conductor.....Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

THURSDAY NEXT, December 13th,  
Complimentary Benefit  
to MR. & MRS. FISHER  
(MISS FLO MORRISON),  
when will be produced  
TRIAL BY JURY,  
THE WATERMAN,  
and  
THE 1ST ACT OF RUDDIGORE.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1251]

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

## THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY

will perform  
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA  
"IOLANTHE,"  
ON  
THURSDAY,  
AND  
SATURDAY,  
the 20th and 22nd December.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance to begin at 9 O'CLOCK P.M.

Tickets for the Second Performance may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after THURSDAY, the 13th instant. PRICE:—\$3 EACH.

R. LYALL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th November, 1888. [1250]

## STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"ANCONA"  
will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 22nd December, at DAYLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1253]

## THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"OOPACK,"  
J. C. Jacques, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th instant.

For Freight, etc., apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1255]

## GREAT CLEARING SALE.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

## SATURDAY,

the 15th December, 1888, at 2 P.M., at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street, (Without Reserve).

In small Lots to suit Purchasers:  
A QUANTITY OF  
SURPLUS DRAPEY GOODS,  
Comprising—  
LADY'S COSTUMES, DRESS MATERIALS, JACKETS, WOOLLEN UNDERCLOTHING, BOY'S JERSEY SUITS, BOOTS AND SHOES, HOSIERY, GENTLEMEN'S UNDERCLOTHING, TRUNKS, COATINGS, RUGS, REMNANTS OF CARPETS,  
And  
A VARIETY OF  
OTHER GOODS.  
The above will be on view on FRIDAY NEXT.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery.  
G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1256]

## NOTICE.

THE Committee of the VICTORIA REGATTA request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on Board the FRAG STAR on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th instant, the Regatta Day, and at the Cricket Ground, which has been kindly placed at their disposal by the Cricket Club Committee, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 4.30 P.M., when the prizes won at the Regatta will be distributed.

Through the Courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the Secretary of the Dock Company, the "PILOT FISH" will leave Pedder's Wharf on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th inst. at 12 Noon, and 12.45 P.M. for the Flagship, which will be moored at the Pedder's Wharf. Refreshments will be supplied on Board the Flagship to subscribers.

Tickets will be provided by Messrs. DORRIS and HING KEE.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1888. [1254]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 550.

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By Command,  
ARATHOON SETH,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1222]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on THURSDAY, the 13th day of December, 1888, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

No. of Registry	No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Annual Upset
1	Building Lot No. 71	Abchurch Road	100	100	100	100	9000
2	Do.	Do.	100	100	100	100	1000

## NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that Mr. CHAN CHAU TAM left my employment on the 31st day of August last and is now in a way connected with my Firm or Business affairs authority either to sell or purchase or for any other thing has been withdrawn from him and further I beg to inform the public that the labels on Fire-stickers manufactured or sold by me will bear my old Hong Name of MAEN SHING and without this name attached none will be genuine and any brands without the name of MAEN SHING or with an additional character will be a fraud and any person found guilty of imitating will be prosecuted and punished according to Law.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1888.  
MAEN SHING

## Auctions.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 549.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

## TO-MORROW,

the 11th day of December, 1888, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,  
ARATHOON SETH,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1221]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 11th day of December, 1888, at 1 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

No. of Registry	No.	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Annual Upset
1	Building Lot No. 69	Margate Gap (Mong Kok Road)	167	100	155	120	16030
2	Do.	Do.	167	100	155	120	20300
3	Do.	Do.	167	100	155	120	20300
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